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E.O. 12065: GDS 3/18/87 (HOLMES, JAMES H.) OR-P
TAGS: UNHCR, PK, AF, NO
SUBJECT: NORWEGIAN SUPPORT FOR AFGHAN REFUGEE RELIEF

1. (C-ENTIRE TEXT.)

2. AS REPORTED IN REFTEL B, NORWEGIAN GOVERNMENT HAS
APPROPRIATED 25 MILLION KRONER (8.36 NKR EQUAL \$1.00) FOR
AFGHAN REFUGEE ASSISTANCE IN FISCAL YEAR 1981. WE ARE
INFORMED, HOWEVER, THAT NO DISBURSEMENTS OF THIS AMOUNT
HAVE YET BEEN MADE. THE GOM EXPECTS TO REACH A DECISION
ON WHAT PORTION OF THE 25 MILLION KRONER WILL BE DISBURSED
THROUGH UNHCR, WFP AND/OR NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS

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ASSISTING THE AFGHAN REFUGEES BEFORE THE MIDDLE OF

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3. FYI: AMBASSADOR KNUT THOMNESSEN, COORDINATOR FOR DISASTER RELIEF, WITHIN THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, DEPARTS MARCH 18 FOR PAKISTAN WHERE HE INTENDS TO SURVEY AFGHANISTAN REFUGEE ASSISTANCE NEEDS. WHILE THERE IS THE POSSIBILITY REPEAT POSSIBILITY OF ADDITIONAL GON ASSISTANCE FOR AFGHAN REFUGEES OUT OF THE NPA'S EXTRA-ORDINARY HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE APPROPRIATIONS, IT IS UNLIKELY IN VIEW OF THE 100 PERCENT INCREASE ABOVE THE FY 1980 TOTALS FOR AFGHAN RELIEF ALREADY DIRECTED BY PARLIAMENT. EMBASSY ISLAMABAD, NEVERTHELESS, MAY WANT TO DISCUSS THE HUMANITARIAN AND POLITICAL ASPECTS OF AFGHAN REFUGEE SUPPORT WITH AMBASSADOR THOMNESSEN AND THE NORWEGIAN EMBASSY DURING HIS VISIT. THOMNESSEN'S RECOMMENDATIONS WILL BE IMPORTANT IN DECIDING HOW THE GON'S CONTRIBUTIONS WILL BE PARCELLED OUT.
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